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The Largest Stock of Cutlery and Sporting Goods South of New York Is Now on Display and Affords the Xmas Buyer a Wide Choice in the Selection of Gifts at Walford's.

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#### RAZOR STROPS.

The most exacting will find our line exceptionally complete—the largest stock in Washington.

Strops for Safety and Regular Razors, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

Strops, extra fine finish and quality, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Strops, Cushion and 4 Sides, 75c to \$3.50.

Torrey's Self-honing Strops, 75c up.

Carborundum Razor Strops, 75c up.

Carborundum Razor Hones, 50c up.

#### SAFETY RAZOR SETS.

Gillette, Auto-Strop, Durham Duplex, \$5.00 and up.

Star Safety, 7 blades, Cru. Steel, \$1.50.

Star Safety, 1 blade, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Gem, Jr., Every-Ready, and Enders, \$1.00.

Automatic Strop for Safety Blades, \$1.00 to \$3.50.

Zig Zag Strop for Safety Blades, \$1.00.

Sterling Auto Strop for regular razors, \$2.00.

### Gifts for an Athletic Boy.

We've Everything for Building Muscle.

Footballs, leather covered, with rubber bladder, 50c.

Regulation-size Footballs, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Striking Bags, \$1.25 to \$8.00.

Boxing Gloves, \$1.25 to \$7.00.

Baseball and Football Uniforms for Boys, \$1.25 to \$15.00.

\$1.50 Coat Sweaters, 75c.

\$2.50 Jerseys, all colors and sizes, \$1.25.

Air Rifles, 50c to \$2.50.

Flobert Rifles, \$1.50 to \$6.00.

Indian Moccasins, for men, women, and children, \$1.25 to \$3.50.

Roller Skates, plain bearing, 50c.

Roller Skates, ball bearing, \$1.50 to \$10.00.

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Absolutely Waterproof Hunting Shoes, weigh only 13½ ounces, \$5.00.

Pool Tables, Wallie, Dore & Burrows, \$1.00 to \$50.00.

The Flexible Flyer Sled, \$2.50 to \$10.00.

Coat Sweaters for ladies and gentlemen, with or without collar, from \$3.50 to \$9.00.

No end to the assortment our Cutlery Department offers you. Everything that has an edge can be found here in all sizes, all shapes, all prices.

### Pocket Knives.

Pocket Knives, a large variety at 25c.

Pocket Knives, two, three, and four blades, at 50c.

Pocket Knives, English and American makes, pearl and stag handles, 75c and \$1.00.

Pocket Knives, pearl and stag handles, fine selection, \$1.00.

IXL Knives, Wostenholm, 75c and up.

Rodgers & Sons, Sheffield, Pocket Knives, 75c and up.

Pocket Knives, gun metal, gold and silver inlaid; the largest variety from which to select; moderate prices.

Pocket Knives, with flexible file, new, \$1.00 and up.

ARMY TOOL KNIFE.

Two blades, Screw Driver, Can Opener, Cork- \$1.50

COMBINATION TOOL KNIFE.

Tool Knife, 2 Blades, Fleam, Screw Driver, Hoof Cleaner, Corkscrew, Reamer, Tweezers, Pick and Nut Cracker; stag handles, Sheffield \$1.50

H. H. H. Pocket Knife, American Make.

Pocket Knife, Leather Punch, Swedging Awl, Wire Cutter, Wire Pliers, Alligator Wrench, Hoof Hook, Screw Driver, Screw Bit—a very \$1.50

Knives with scissors, corkscrew, cigar cutters, nail clips.

Butter Knives, 75c, \$1.00, and up.

## STORE TO OCCUPY NEARLY A BLOCK

Woodward & Lothrop to Erect Eight-story Addition.

### PLANS FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Structure on Site of Equitable Building and Entire Vast Department Store Equipped with Automatic Sprinklers—Weekly Fire Drills Are Held.

In line with its progressive policy, which has led to the acquisition of nearly the entire block bounded by Tenth, Eleventh, F, and G streets northwest, Woodward & Lothrop plan a new eight-story addition to their property, to supersede the old Equitable Building, in F street, adjoining the Rich property, which recently was purchased by the department store firm.

The plans for the new building on the site of the Equitable include also a fire alarm system, to be installed in the rear of the Equitable at right angles and which was purchased with that property. The "L" runs through to Tenth street, where it has a frontage of 25 feet. The street addition will have a frontage of 33 feet.

Tentative plans are being made, but no decision has been reached in regard to cost, interior arrangement, occupancy, and the like. The new eight-story addition will rise to the same height and conform in design to the G street addition, which is now under construction. When completed, the whole building will be equipped with a fire protection system, consisting of Grinnell automatic sprinklers, fire buckets, fire tanks, chemical hand grenades, and the like, all regularly inspected and maintained. In addition to this system of fire protection, which will make the Woodward & Lothrop establishment one of the big stores in Washington, two stand pipes have been erected from basement to the roof with hose attachments on each floor and on the roof. Weekly fire drills are another feature of the big store, and special precautions are taken in the prompt removal of rubbish incidental to the unpacking of goods.

### Boilers Under Driveways.

Boilers are beneath the driveways of the building and all electric wiring in the store is subject to the closest scrutiny by insurance inspectors. A private fire alarm system has been installed, connecting with the office of the chief of the fire department, while a corps of watchmen patrol the building all night, registering on a time sheet at stated intervals.

The new eight-story building will have sprinkler protection, one 25,000 gallon tank being situated under the Eleventh street sidewalk and two 25,000 gallon tanks on the roof.

### REYES IN MEXICO?

War Department Believes He Will Start Yucatan Revolution.

Officials of the War Department who are watching the Mexican situation, expressed the opinion yesterday that Gen. Reyes has landed in Mexico and will soon head a considerable army south of Mexico City. This is the first trace the War Department has been able to get of Gen. Reyes. He is now, they declare, in the region that was most loyal to Diaz.

Should the revolution develop along the Yucatan border, the United States navy will play a larger part in preventing the violation of neutrality laws than the army. A whole fleet of scout cruisers, gunboats, revenue cutters, torpedo boats, and other craft will be necessary to prevent smuggling of arms by vessels clearing from American ports.

### CORNWELL IN FOR LIFE.

Slayer of Brother-in-law Reaches Atlanta Penitentiary.

Twenty-one prisoners, including Arthur Cornwell, twenty-three years old, were recently convicted of second degree murder for causing the death of his brother-in-law, James E. Courtney, yesterday reached the Atlanta penitentiary. Cornwell will serve a life term.

The other prisoners were Andrew Lee, who will have to serve twenty years for grand larceny; Hume H. West, alias Lieut. Commander Henry Knowlson, U. S. N., who has been sentenced to six years for forgery and false pretenses; Everett Dufour, two years; Benjamin F. Patterson, two years; John Murtagh, five years; Vernon M. Schooley, four years; Edward M. Hobson, four years; and Solly Moseley, three years.

The colored prisoners are Robert Johnson, five years; John Lee, one year and a day; William Pye, two years; Thomas O. Falls, three years; John Stanton, four years; Albert Frederick, two years; William Hill, four years; Charles Holmes, two years; George Smith, five years; Guy Johnson, four years; and Solly Moseley, three years.

Works Easy-money Game. A swindle through which the operator obtained \$5.30 was worked yesterday afternoon by an unidentified colored man who went to the home of Mrs. Frances Kerstein, 502 G street southwest, and asked for the money for a ton of coke which had been delivered at her home, 701 G street southwest. Mrs. Kerstein handed the money to the man. He received a bill and disappeared. Investigation proved the man was a fraud.

### A Truly Youthful Skin Easy to Have

The complexion may acquire that girlish flush, the real essence of physical beauty, only by means of the capillary circulation. In advancing age, anemia, lowered vitality, etc., the circulation is poor; the complexion appears pale, sallow, or faded. If, however, the lifeless, ashen skin is removed, the skin beneath, being that much nearer the capillaries, exhibits a healthier, rosier bloom; the new complexion is youthful in fact as well as in appearance.

It will be glad news to many that such a complexion may be easily obtained—the offensive cuticle safely, painlessly removed by the use of ordinary macerated wax. The wax, curable at any drug store, is used at night like cold cream and washed off in the morning. It completely absorbs the scales, scales, mud, or blotchy surface skin, minute, invisible particles coming off day by day until all of it is gone. Then the exquisitely beautiful, girlish complexion is in evidence—a result which astounds even one who tries this simple treatment—Galenic Mirac.

## BUSINESS OUTLOOK VERY ENCOURAGING

Situation Shows Prosperity at Year's End.

### MARKED ADVANCE OVER 1911

Bankers, Railroad Managers, and Others Who Are in a Position to Know True Condition of Affairs Comment in Hopeful Tones—Dun and Bradstreet Give Reports.

New York, Dec. 16.—A new era of prosperity is dawning. The general situation at the close of the year is so much better than business men had anticipated that optimism has taken the place of the widespread pessimism that characterized their utterances three months ago. Bankers, railroad administrators, industrial managers, and merchants who took a gloomy view of the outlook even thirty days ago now pitch their comments in a hopeful tone.

While business of the country has not yet reached the high record established in 1909, it is stated by the experts in the mercantile agencies that it is so far ahead of the corresponding period of 1910 that they confidently look for a condition of revived activity in all lines, unusual for a Presidential election year.

They believe that 1912 will not only outstrip 1910, but that it will make a large advance on 1911.

### Traveling Men Pleased.

Traveling salesmen for New York houses who are now returning to the city to complete preparations for their first trips of the new year bring the most hopeful reports from all parts of the country. E. H. Gery, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, always extremely cautious in his estimates as to conditions and prospects, says the business of his company is far in advance of what it was at this time last year.

"The volume of our business is large and satisfactory," declared Mr. Gery. "Prices are still low, with prospects of an increase."

For thirty years it has been an axiom in American business that steel is its barometer. When there is a satisfactory trade in that barometer it is a sign of good times in other lines. While the Bradstreet Agency is a little more conservative than that of Dun, still, the reports Bradstreet is now assembling for distribution at the opening of the year do not exhibit the usual signs of depression to be looked for on the eve of a Presidential campaign.

### Financial Agencies Optimistic.

The head of the R. G. Dun Company said today:

"The betterment in industrial and trade conditions, signs of which have been visible to close observers for two months, has now become plain to everybody, and is reflected in the expansion of bank clearings and railroad earnings, the big uplift in the iron and steel trade, the advance in copper, the increased activity in dry goods, the brisker demand for money, and in the count inspired by the record-breaking cotton crop of upward of 15,000,000 bales."

"There is no disposition to minimize the problems still unworked, but business men are disposed to move ahead in spite of them, and the situation as the year draws to a close is so much more encouraging as to be the year's most conspicuous development. The retail activity, coupled with the unusually warm weather and the end of the year accounting, operates to make wholesale operations slusher, but there has been no real check to the expansion in business."

### OPERATE ON VANDERBILT.

Physicians Say Young Millionaire Is Doing Well.

New York, Dec. 16.—Cornelius Vanderbilt was operated upon today in his Fifth avenue home.

The operation, participated in by four famous surgeons, and witnessed by others, was declared a success. Although it was admitted Mr. Vanderbilt's ailment was appendicitis, the official bulletin issued immediately after the operation failed to make any declaration on this interesting point.

The bulletin issued by the Vanderbilt family physician follows: "Saturday, Dec. 16.—Mr. Vanderbilt was operated upon by Dr. Joseph Blake at 3:30 this morning. The result of the operation is entirely satisfactory. There are no complications, and Mr. Vanderbilt's condition is very good."

Dr. Flint and Dr. Knapp, this afternoon the ailment from which the patient was suffering is appendicitis.

For the next twenty-four hours at least two doctors and two nurses will be in constant attendance upon the young millionaire. Immediately after the operation Mr. Farlow, private secretary to Mr. Vanderbilt, set about cancelling all business engagements for the next ten days.

### Young Pianist Scores Hit.

Miss Georgia E. Miller, director of the Virgil Clavier Piano School, gave a pupils' recital last evening at the school, with a creditable programme, creditably performed. She introduced a remarkably gifted young pupil, Miss Martha Dyer, daughter of Representative and Mrs. L. C. Dyer, of Missouri, who, although not yet eleven years old, played from memory quite perfectly the twelve pages of Beethoven's difficult Impromptu. She made a pronounced hit with the audience, which was composed of musicians and music lovers. There were two numbers played on two pianos by Miss Katharine May Brooks and Miss Beale Spier, Chaminade's beautiful "Le Matin" and "Le Soir," both charmingly played, the young players reversing the parts in the second one. The other numbers, all of which were played from memory, with uniformly good tone, legato, and technique, were as follows: "Shadow Dance," "Hungarian" (MacDowell), "A la bien Aimee" (Schubert), Miss Mabel White; "Fugue" (Bach), Miss Ruth Ebaugh; "Melodie" (Mozart), Miss Ruth Ebaugh; "Jenny" (Henselt), Miss Isora Bingham; "Autumn" (Chaminade), Miss Katharine May Brooks; "Chopin's Lark" (Schubert), Miss Ruth Ebaugh; "The Major" (Mozart), Miss Ruth Ebaugh.

Miss Stanford was not able to be present, a fact sincerely regretted by the audience.

### For Memorial Amphitheater.

Representative Austin, of Tennessee, yesterday introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a memorial amphitheater to be erected at Arlington under plans by Carrere and Hastings, architects, of New York. The plans were accepted by a commission appointed by act of Congress in May, 1906. The bill provides for the creation of a commission composed of the Secretary of War, the Superintendent of the Capitol Buildings and Grounds, and Henry G. Kimball, representing the G. A. R.

Largest Morning Circulation.

## WILL WED WHEN SHE GETS DIVORCE

Kitty Gordon Impatient at English Court's Delay.

New York, Dec. 16.—Kitty Gordon, considered by many the most beautiful actress on the stage, denied today that there was any prospect of a duel being fought between her husband, Capt. Henry Beresford, brother of Lord Decies, and Count Maurice de Fries, of Austria, her fiancé, because they have already fought one.

Miss Gordon was interviewed following the receipt of a dispatch from London to the effect that her eight-year-old daughter, Vera, sailed today on the Campania to spend Christmas with her mother.

"No; there is no truth in that report of a reconciliation," said the prima donna. "Last November I cabled to Capt. Beresford to come with baby at Christmas, but baby sailed without her father."

"Will they fight a duel?" "No; because they have already fought, and my poor husband got the worst of it. It happened more than a year ago. At that time it was all hushed up. Capt. Beresford said something in the count's presence in London which the latter did not like. He demanded an apology, which was not forthcoming, and the challenge followed."

"The weapons?" "Rapier."

"The place?" "Paris."

"And whether was killed?" "Killed? In a Paris duel? My husband was wounded. His face was considerably scratched. I am thankful there will not be another duel."

"When do you expect to marry the count?" "As soon as these wretched English courts will give me a divorce."

### SPECIAL MESSAGES COMING.

Wool Schedules and Department Work Due This Week.

President Taft will send two messages to Congress this week. One of them will deal with the departmental work during the last year, and the other will recommend substantial reductions in the wool schedules, and will transmit the report of the Tariff Board on those schedules.

The President will send a special message to Congress after the holiday recess transmitting the Tariff Board's report upon the cotton schedule. There will also be a message on Alaska and conservation.

Australia and the Argentine between them pasture one-third of all the sheep in the world.

## HERRMANN NAMED IN REALTY DEAL

Said to Be the Purchaser of Downtown Property.

Among the larger realty deals of the week is reported the sale of the property at 629 and 641 Massachusetts avenue northwest, occupied by the Stumph & Lyford Furniture Company, and formerly by the Woodruff Pileholder Company. J. Philip Herrmann, of House & Herrmann, is said to be the purchaser, through the office of the J. Louis Willig Company, for a consideration in the neighborhood of \$105,000.

The buildings are five stories high, of fireproof construction, and cover the entire lot fronting 75 feet on Massachusetts avenue and 65 feet on K street, with an aggregate area of 5,882 square feet. The property brought approximately \$18 a square foot.

It is understood that the purchase was made as a speculative investment, and the building will continue to be occupied by the Stumph & Lyford firm, which has a long lease on the property. The J. Louis Willig Company reports an aggregate list of sales for the week of nearly \$300,000.

### BAYOU STATES PRAISED.

Congressmen from Mississippi Are Entertained by Society.

The Mississippi delegation in Congress was entertained as the guests of the Mississippi Society last night at Pythian Temple. Representative Thomas U. Sisson spoke on the agricultural possibilities of his State and the achievement of the boy corn club contest, in which fourteen-year-old Bennie Benson, of Monticello, Miss., won first honors.

Representative James William Collier described rural life in Mississippi. Representative Samuel A. Witherspoon spoke in the "Back to the farm" movement, which he said is becoming popular in his State. Representative Hefflin, of Alabama, complimented Mississippians for having such a live State organization in the Capital.

The musical and literary programme included a soprano solo by Miss Daisy Harrison; baritone solo by Leo Fairbank; reading by Mrs. Maude Howell Smith; and a violin solo by Miss Elizabeth Wilbur. Resolutions of appreciation of the services of Miss Bennie Benson as secretary of the society for the past seven years, and who is to leave for Detroit, Mich., for an extended visit, were unanimously adopted.

For those living in small apartments a New York man has invented a flat gas stove that can be folded against a wall, out of the way, when it is not in use.

## PINCHOT PRAISES LA FOLLETTE BOOM

Says Modern Conditions Demand Modern Treatment.

Boston, Dec. 16.—"Since the development of recent months have made impossible the renomination of Mr. Taft, the country has been turning to that pioneer among progressives, a constructive statesman, full of courage, Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin," said Clifford Pinchot tonight, in addressing a gathering of progressive Republicans in Tremont Temple.

"Unless the Republican party shall meet the demand of the times by throwing itself squarely into the progressive movement, its time of usefulness is past," said Pinchot. "Modern conditions demand modern treatment. The Republican party needs to be cleansed of its open sores."

"The progressive movement, like every other great movement, must have a leader. I realize that this meeting is not called in the interest of any candidate, but I should be concealing my own convictions if I failed to express myself on this point."

"You progressives in Massachusetts have two immediate tasks. First, see to it that your legislature passes the progressive measures which are to come before it—a bill giving your citizens the right to express their preference as between candidates for the Presidential nomination, a bill for the direct election of delegates to political conventions by the people, and a bill for direct election of United States Senators. Above all, see to it that your delegates to the Republican national convention are pledged to progressive principles. First, last, and all the time, this is a fight for principles."

## VOW TO AVENGE BY BITING FINGER

Relatives of Slain Man Swear to Seek Murderer.

New York, Dec. 16.—As the body of Stefano Scarnafino lay, early today, on the floor of a saloon at 304 Forsyth street, his relatives knelt about it and swore vengeance on the man who had shot him from behind as he entered the place. As the women prayed Scarnafino's brother and brother-in-law bit their right forefingers to the bone at the knuckle, as a sign that the man's death would not go unavenged.

Scarnafino lived in Bolekwell Island, where he had served six months for carrying concealed weapons, only a few hours before he was murdered.

As he reached the saloon door a stocky built man, wearing a black slouch hat and a rain coat, shot at him at a distance of about thirty feet. The bullet hit the man behind the ear, and he pitched through the door, died. His brother-in-law, Frank Brovinio, heard the shot, and ran into the saloon, to fall over the murdered man's body. Scarnafino's friends and relatives, who were waiting to celebrate his first day of freedom, rushed from the house, and, followed by a big throng, hurried shrieking to where Scarnafino lay.

### Police Inspection Record.

The police department yesterday announced the standing of the various precincts in the annual inspection. The Fourth precinct captured the right flag trophy for the second consecutive year. The standing of the precincts is as follows: Fourth, Third, Sixth, Eleventh, Second, Eighth, Fifth, Tenth, First, Seventh, and Ninth.

## NEW YORK FIRMS SUE BON MARCHE

Petition to Declare Alfred Mayer a Bankrupt.

Attorney V. P. Loving, acting for three New York firms, yesterday filed petition in the District Supreme Court praying that Alfred Mayer, manager of the Bon Marche, be declared bankrupt. Justice Stafford issued a rule against Mayer returnable December 25.

Mr. Loving contends that Mayer paid four creditors, whom the attorney knows well, but he refused to pay certain amounts owed the three New York firms. Mr. Loving states that as far as can be ascertained by him, the liabilities of the Bon Marche are about \$60,000, while the assets are approximately \$20,000.

The petition is the result of a suit which the three firms recently brought against Mayer in the Municipal Court for the recovery of claims of several hundred dollars. Mayer refused to pay the bills, it is charged, and consequently the petition of insolvency was filed. One of the three New York firms is Kohner & Co.

### MAKE UP FOR "HARDSHIPS."

G. W. U. Fraternity Men Dine Recent Initiation Candidates.

Gamma Eta Chapter, of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, of George Washington University, held its ninth annual initiation banquet last night at Raucher's. The new members of the fraternity were given the rough work about two weeks ago, and the banquet was given to make up for the hardships endured during the initiation ceremonies.

Representative E. E. Pepper, of Iowa, acted as toastmaster, and the address of welcome was given by John Diener. The reply on behalf of the new members was given by Edward Chamberlain. The "skidder," which made such a big hit with the new members during their initiation, was repeated by George Degnan, its author. The sketch contained a fun-maker in every line.

William Strong was business manager of the banquet. Among those from whom regrets were received were Speaker Clark, Representative Mann, Representative Borland, Representative Prouty, and Representative Anthony.

### FUNDS ARE DISBURSED.

Statement As to the Civil Service Betterment Campaign.

The auditing committee appointed at the last meeting of the committee of one hundred for the advancement of the interests of the government employees, to examine the books of the treasurer has reported that the treasurer has collected for conducting the civil service employees betterment campaign \$2,145.59. There is but a small balance on hand at the present time.

The auditing committee was composed of Frederick L. Siddons and Albert P. Madeira. The treasurer of the committee is A. M. McLaughlin.

### SUES TO GET ECKERT JEWELS.

Daughter Seeks to Obtain Gems from Former Housekeeper.

New York, Dec. 16.—The famous Eckert jewels, valued at more than \$100,000, were made the prize today in a summary action filed by John Quinn, temporary administrator of the Eckert estate, to determine whether Mrs. Mary Egan Eckert, wife of Thomas T. Eckert, Jr., has a valid title to the jewels.

Prior to the death of Gen. Eckert, the jewels were handed over to Miss Mary Egan, formerly a housekeeper in the Eckert home and now the wife of Thomas T. Eckert, Jr., by Richard C. Page, the general secretary, who claims he was instructed to do so by the general. Joanna Eckert, daughter of the general, claims that her mother promised that the jewels should be her property.

### Church Rents from Government.

After a conference yesterday the officials of the War Department, having control of the small plot of ground at Thirteenth-and-a-half street and Ohio, avenue northwest, decided to allow the authorities of Bethany Chapel to continue holding services in the mission house there at a reasonable rental. There has been some discussion as to the right of the church to hold services there.

## Removal Notice Moore & Hill

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Announces the removal of its offices to 142Q-1422 H street (40 feet front on street of ground floor of New Woodward Building), with increased facilities to serve you best in everything pertaining to real estate.